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MILWAUKEE PHILATELIST



November 2023

Meeting #2179

ATA Chapter 5 Meeting

The November 8th gathering will be a HYBRID MEETING - both in-person and virtual available. The in-person business meeting will start at 6:30 at the Wauwatosa Public Library and include discussions about officers and future programming.

The evening's presentation is titled "Josephine Baker - Performing Artist and Hero of the French." Josephine was a French American dancer, singer, and actress. The program was created by Dr. Tom Broadhead, ATA Second Vice-President and the recipient of the 2023 Distinguished Topical Philatelist award.

Dr. Broadhead has another very interesting program planned for ATA members on November 14 with registration for the free program available through the ATA website at www.americantopical.org. This program will start at 7 pm Eastern time and promises to be an entertaining look at the Paris Outdoor Stamp Market.

Looking forward to December, Vera Felts will once again share more of her gingerbread collection with us. If you missed her presentation last year, you can access her program through the YouTube channel of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Club's website at www.wfscstamps.org.

Topic: ATA Chapter 5, November Meeting

Time: Nov 8, 2023, 07:00 PM Central Time
(US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83625777566?pwd=RHlodGdTQks5eXhtWmd3NHdhenByZz09>

Meeting ID: 836 2577 7566

Passcode: 305454

Let me know if you have any questions or if you wish to be removed from this list.

MPS Nominations Are About To Close

The annual MPS officer and board member election is here and this is your chance to nominate any member in good standing (including yourself) for one of the positions. All the club officers are on the ballot, as well as two board member positions.

If you would like to nominate a member for one of these positions, please submit your nomination by the end of the general MPS meeting on November 14, 2023. At the end of the November general meeting, nominations will be closed and the ballot will be prepared.

**Club Meeting – November 14, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. – Brookfield Library
Program – Major Fall Auction**

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The Milwaukee Philatelic Society, Inc. is a 501(3)c non-profit organization that meets the second Tuesday of every month at the Brookfield Public Library (1900 North Calhoun Road). Doors open at 6:00 p.m. to allow members to trade, sell, and visit. The meeting starts promptly at 6:30 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

Jonathan Kumbera is the editor and publisher of the newsletter. He can be reached via email at mps.editor.0024@gmail.com. Your stories and articles, or ideas for stories and articles, will be greatly appreciated and may be published in the newsletter.

The Milwaukee Philatelic Society participates in three events each year. These events are Stampfest (early spring), Milcopex (early fall), and the Holiday Folk Fair (late fall). At each of these events, we distribute assorted items to encourage kids to collect stamps. To do this, we need your help. We need used stamps on and off paper, supplies, and old albums. If you would like to donate any of these items to the youth program, please contact any of the Youth Committee members or any of the club officers.

Annual Dues: \$10 for adults
(\$30 for three years)
\$5 for youth (18 and under)

Dues can be paid in person at any club meeting, or a check can be mailed to:

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MEETING MINUTES

**Milwaukee Philatelic Society
General Membership Meeting - October 3,
2023**

Officer Attendance: President Dave Hunsicker, Vice-President Blayne Kirsch, Secretary MaryAnn Bowman, Treasurer Bob Mather. Directors: Bill Gedemer, Jonathan Kumbera, Chris Proeber and Gaylord Yost. Past-President: Gary Meyer.

The meeting was called to order by President David Hunsicker.

The secretary's minutes for September were approved by voice vote.

The treasurer's report: Regarding Milcopex, Bob was optimistic that the show might have a small profit altho there are still some outstanding bills. He was pleased with the donations made by individuals as well as by Federation clubs. There was no rental "penalty" for food brought in by dealers and guests - a problem that was incurred last year. Other member questions were answered or clarified. The financial report through September 22, 2023, was distributed. It showed a savings account balance of \$4,971.72, three \$5000 CDs of \$15,387.37, the checking account balance of \$21,583.670 and cash on hand of \$73.45. The report was approved by voice vote.

Committee and officers reports:

Education: A new book for the library was donated by Ron Yahr.

Youth: 25 people stopped at the Milcopex Beginner's table. There were 4 youth. \$16.50 in donations were collected.

Editor: none

Programs - The October meeting will feature different mini-presentations on several basics of the hobby. Blayne Kirsch will offer

information about first day covers, Jonathan Kumbera will discuss color, and Gary Meyer will talk about perforations. November will feature the fall major auction and a holiday party is planned for December.

Milcopex - Set up of frames and exhibits went very well due to having plenty of volunteer help. Although the audiences at the educational programming was small, it was noted that due to them being offered via Zoom, there was an international audience with Israel, South Africa, India and the United kingdom being represented. Members will be able to access the programs at their leisure from the Milcopex website. The Postcrossing event was well attended. It was suggested that perhaps dealers be given a questionnaire at the end of the show to determine their satisfaction. There were 252 registration slips turned in but it was noted that many committee members, dealers, volunteers, and other known society members had not filled out a registration form.

Stampfest - none

APS - It was reported that a French individual who is claiming to be moving to our state is a fraudulent request and are urged not to respond to it.

WFSC - The dates for the show are May 4 & 5 at the Radisson, a new venue. The show theme will focus on the invention of the typewriter as well as other Wisconsin inventions.

ATA - Bob Mather reported that he is being interviewed and will be a lead feature of an upcoming Topical Time issue.

Newsletter - Jonathan has a need for stamps with denominations of 25¢ or higher so that he can use the supply of lower valued stamps that have been donated on the club mailings. It was suggested that he contact Michael Mules for discount postage. There was again discussion of sending the newsletter electronically to members.

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Guest: Girard Madritsch, collector of US and Vatican, introduced himself.

New Business: Bob Mather suggested that Gary Meyer be made an honorary member of the MPS citing his role in discovering and following through with the expertization and eventual auction sale of the 502e classic stamp. Gary promptly declined. Dave Hunsicker suggested that criteria be developed prior to initiation of honorary membership. The discussion was tabled and will be the subject of a future Board meeting.

Nominating Committee - Dave reported that a committee will be formed to solicit names for officer positions. Several current officers have agreed to run again.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Door prize drawing was won by Jim Stollenwerk.

The evening concluded with several mini-presentations as described above. It was followed by an auction.

From Your Editor

I'm wrapping up this month's newsletter during the snowfall that shouldn't be happening yet! It's just an early reminder that winter is just around the corner, and time for those of us that don't like the snow to hibernate with our stamps.

This month is the major auction, and it's a lot listing is smaller than any major auction I can remember. I even delayed sending out this month's newsletter in the hopes that I would get a couple of stragglers come in. About a third of the lots are club lots, more than usual but not crazy more. And there is still a variety of items to pique your interest, everything from duck stamps to large accumulations to covers to individual stamps. Be sure to check out the list and come to the meeting to see what you can win.

December will be a busy month for the MPS. First, it's election time, so be sure to make your nominations by the end of the November general meeting, then watch for the ballot with the December newsletter. December is also our annual Holiday party. More details to come, also in the December newsletter.

At last month's meeting, we had some "mini presentations" on perforations, first day covers, and colors. A lot of positive feedback was received from the members in attendance, so I'm guessing we will do something like that again in the future. If there is a topic you would like to learn more about, send an email with your suggestion. Or perhaps you would like to volunteer to be one of the "experts" next time...? 😊

As always, if you would like to submit an article for publication in our newsletter, please send it to me at mps.editor.0024@gmail.com. If you don't feel comfortable authoring the article yourself, you can always send ideas for articles to me as well.

President's Message

It is 6 p.m. when writing and it is dark outside. If it was June, I would be outside until after 9 p.m. What a change in daylight. What this means is that outside work should be done and we can concentrate on our hobby or take up a new area. Maybe you can take an interest in Wisconsin postal history. The Wisconsin Postal History Society had a great turnout at MILCOPEX which means there is a greater interest in that field. I, myself, will be making two displays on local posts. One called Brook Hill Farms ran in Waukesha County. The other is Rattle Snake Island Local Post which carried mail by air between the island in Lake Erie and the main land near Port Clinton, Ohio. I will have information on these two in the future.

It was great that three of our members, Blayne, Jonathan, and Gary put on a good program last month on various philatelic topics. The Board will be meeting to plan the future for MPS in 2024. What do you want to see happening? What should we do at the meetings? Offer suggestions so we can go forward for a great 2024. Everyone likes the auctions. Is that all we should do? There should be an election next month. We need officers so step up. There is a need for a new president.

It is auction time this month. Take a look at the list for something you may like. There might be some bargains there. Come early so we can get started on time because the auction takes a lot of time to complete.

**Programs
By Gary Meyer**

Here we go again! It's Major Auction time for the November meeting. This is our most popular event every year – even more popular than ice cream socials and that type of thing. As of the time of this writing I haven't seen the lots, but I know from experience that there will be many items to interest for any serious or casual collector. There will be an abbreviated business meeting so we can get right to the auction to make sure we put up all the lots without undue rush and have time at the end to settle up. So, see you at the meeting.

The October program was somewhat abbreviated because of an extra-long business meeting due to a discussion of Milcopex, but the program proved to be informative and hopefully we can do something like this again. There were three presenters who gave short talks on individual topics and then we broke up into three stations where those who were interested or wanted more information could go. The topics were First Day Covers by Blayne, Color Gauges by Jonathan, and Perforations by Gary.

December will feature our Christmas party. Stay tuned on that because there has been some discussion about doing something different this year.

And Now...A Little Humor

Q: Why are spiders so smart?
A: They can find everything on the web.

Q: Why do melons have weddings?
A: Because they cantaloupe.



Show Time

- November 11, 2023
Oshkosh Stamp Bourse (Bourse Only)
Mother Theresa Cntr of Fr. Carr's Place To Be
1092 North Koeller Street
Oshkosh, WI 54902

- November 17-19, 2023
ChicagoPEX (National Show)
Westin Chicago Northwest
400 Park Blvd.
Itasca, IL 60143

- November 18, 2023
Black River Stamp Club Annual Show
(Regional Show w/Exhibits)
St. Jude School
590 Poplar Street
Elyria, OH 44035

- November 25, 2023
Supex 2023
William Tell Countryside Holiday Inn
6201 Joliet Road
Countryside, IL 60525

- December 8-9, 2023
Worthington Stamp Show 2023
(Regional Show w/Exhibits)
Doubletree Hilton Worthington
175 Hutchingson Ave.
Columbus, OH 43235

- January 5-6, 2024
MSDA WI-IL Stateline Stamp Show
(Bourse Only)
First Christian Church
13022 Wilmot Road
Kenosha, WI 53142

- January 13-14, 2024
MSDA Indianapolis Stamp Show (Bourse Only)
Lawrence Park District Center
5301 N. Frankling Road
Lawrence, IN 46226

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Brookfield Public Library**

Lot #	Country	Cat. #	Description	Scott Value	Min. Bid	Sold
1	Hungary	Various	Hundreds mint and used, air mail, regular issues, back of book, overprints, etc.	\$150	\$9.00	
2	South America	Various	Bolivia, Argentina, Brazil, over 650 stamps with some duplication	\$100	\$7.00	
3	Iceland	Various	Some valuable stamps here, 28 stamps, early issues, mint and used	\$232	\$7.00	
4	U.S.A.		Milwaukee postal history, FDC and ceremony program for 3 cent silver coffee pot	\$20	\$2.00	
5	U.S.A.		Postal history, U.S. portraits colored of Jimmie Carter and Walter Mondale, inauguration	\$40	\$8.00	
6	Worldwide	Various	Thousands of unsorted and old and recent issues	\$100+	\$7.00	
7	Worldwide	Various	Thousands of unsorted old and newer issues	\$100+	\$7.00	
8	U.S.A.		Gorgeous Scott hinge less album with plastic mounts in place, like new	\$50	\$6.00	
9	Germany	Various	Regular issues Scott 436-441, complete set plus 1170-1192 with (4) missing	\$16	\$3.00	
10	U.S.A.	Various	Cut squares, old, new, covers, postal cards, postal stationary	\$15	\$3.00	
11	Canada		Canada Bonanza! Mint and used stamps, souvenir sheets and covers	\$30 +	\$1.50	
12	Germany		Large assortment of Germany on paper	\$30+	\$1.00	
13	Hong Kong	859, 867, 869,871, 965-968, 1000-1009	Mint Never hinged	\$10 +	\$1.00	
14	Sri Lanka		Stamps and souvenir sheets	\$25+	\$1.00	
15	Austria		100 plus used of the 70's, 80's and 90's	\$25+	\$1.50	
16	Worldwide		Nice assortment of worldwide stamps – mostly used – very few duplications	\$50+	\$2.00	
17	US		Mix of stamps of covers	\$20+	\$1.00	
18	South / Central American & Caribbean		2 stock sheets filled with stamps of Central & South American and the Caribbean	\$25+	\$1.50	
19	Africa		Stock sheet of about used stamps of Africa	\$25+	\$1.00	
20	U.S.A.	RW89	2022-2023 Federal Duck Stamp, Mint on backing paper (not signed)	\$37.50	\$12.50	
21	U.S.A.	5666	Used Monument Valley stamp, \$8.95 face value		\$3.00	
22	U.S.A.	5700	Used \$2.00 stamp		\$0.50	
23	Iran	various	Iran collection with 98 stamps, all different	\$29.55	\$2.50	
24	Indonesia	various	Indonesia collection with 512 stamps, some duplication	\$128.00+	\$3.00	
25	U.S.A.	various	21 early US precancelled stamps	\$70.80	\$5.00	
26	Gabon to Hungary	various	10 pages of mint and used stamps	\$17.50+	\$2.00	
27	Germany	various	7 stock sheets of mint and used German stamps	\$382.00	\$25.00	
28			Showgard mounts unopened pack, size 52mm	\$8.95	\$2.50	
29			Showgard mounts 16 strips, size 61mm	\$8.95	\$2.50	
30	U.S.A.		Box, Full, on paper and off	n/a	\$1.00	
31	U.S.A.		Book, 2009, Scott's Specialized	n/a	\$1.00	
32	Foreign		Box, mixed, mostly Egypt	n/a	\$1.00	
33	Foreign		Book, 20 pages full and more	n/a	\$5.00	
34	U.N.		Stock page of mint and used and pages with more	n/a	\$1.00	
35	Foreign		Covers, mostly French	n/a	\$1.00	
36	Nigeria		135 mint	n/a	\$5.00	

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37	New Caledonia		85 mint, used, with color variations	n/a	\$10.00	
38	Togo		18 mint	n/a	\$2.00	
39	Niue		29 mint	n/a	\$2.00	
40	worldwide		large box of mixed stamps		\$1.00	
41	USA	3473, 3648, 4018, 4144, 4438, 4872	Six higher value US stamps, used	\$40+	\$3.00	
42	Philatelic Supplies		MPS "1999" valise containing stock book, vario pages, glassines, stock cards, mounts, dealer cards, tongs & perf gauge	\$30+	\$3.00	
43	Showguard Mounts		14 packages of precut showguard mounts, various sizes, about half are unopened	\$20+	\$2.00	
44	USA		Huge and gigantic assortment of US stamps	\$100+	\$3.00	
45	USA		Another huge, gigantic, enormous, colossal, king-size, hippopotamic mix of US stamps	\$200+	\$5.00	
46	Worldwide		A better mix of worldwide stamps – most used – You will not be able to resist this	\$100+	\$3.00	
47	Australia	1, 3, 49, 125	4 used kangaroo stamps	\$24.00	\$2.50	
48	Australia	30, 36, 63, 63a	4 used King George stamps	\$19.75	\$2.00	
49	Bavaria	94-7, 96a, 99, 102-7	used	\$24.00	\$2.50	
50	New Brunswick	7, 8	Mint, no gum	\$40.00 (priced as used)	\$4.00	
51	Japan	474-7	MNH	\$41.00	\$4.00	
52	Bahamas to Burundi		Seven stock pages of 'B' countries, 200+ different		\$1.75	
53	Gabon to Italy		29 different envelopes sorted by country		\$0.25	
54	Jamaica to Oman		45 envelopes of stamps sorted by country		\$0.25	
55	Pakistan to Russia		28 envelopes of stamps sorted by country		\$0.25	
56	Rwanda to Zimbabwe		45 envelopes sorted by country		\$0.25	